

## LIFE AND TRAINING IN AMERICAN CAMPS

From that time on there was a rapid influx of men, especially during May and June. The 321st got its full quota of these new men and was soon raised to war strength again.

The 321st suffered a railroad disaster during its removal from Camp Jackson to Camp Sevier that rivals in its horror and suffering some of the regiment's overseas experiences. The train carrying the advance party of the 321st was wrecked on a trestle just as it was pulling out of Camp Jackson. The men selected for this advance party were a happy, jolly bunch, who came down to the station that bright May morning in fine spirits, enthusiastic over making a move that would hasten the day when they would be sent overseas. Fortunately, Major Bloomhardt saw the cars turn over, and immediately rushed a detail with litters and first aid dressings to the scene. Lieut. Col. Halstead soon reached the wreck, restored order out of chaos and confusion, and directed the rescue parties. Major Bloomhardt's timely appearance and fast work made possible the rescue and administration of first aid to a large number. There were nine killed and twenty-five wounded.

It was during these first days in Camp Sevier that Lieut. Col. Halstead was placed in command of the regiment. Probably more than 60 per cent. of the men who served with the regi-